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Traffic Advisory Committee

The Judicial Council's Traffic Advisory Committee, created in 1995, makes recommendations to the Judicial Council for improving the administration of justice in the area of traffic procedure and case management and in other areas set forth in the bail schedules for fish and game, boating, forestry, public utilities, parks and recreation, and business licensing.

Mission

The mission of the Traffic Advisory Committee is to:

- Ensure fairness and justice in traffic court;
- Promote traffic safety awareness and adherence to traffic laws;
- Increase public understanding of, access to, and ease in the handling of traffic citations;
- Minimize the number of court contacts required to adjudicate traffic infraction citations;
- Increase the efficiency and cost-effectiveness of traffic citation processing; and
- Increase statewide standardization and uniformity in the administration and adjudication of traffic matters.

Current Activities

On a continuing basis, the Traffic Advisory Committee:

- Prepares and disseminates annual Uniform Bail and Penalty Schedules;
- Analyzes legislative proposals relating to traffic;
- Responds to inquiries about traffic issues from members of the public, court management staff, the Legislature, law enforcement officials, and staff members of other agencies;
- Develops and revises traffic-related rules and forms, circulates them as proposals for comment, and assesses responses to the proposals;

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- Designs, circulates for comment, and presents to the Judicial Council revisions to the *Notice to Appear* for infractions and misdemeanors;
- Creates materials on traffic-related issues for court personnel to use in community outreach;
- Posts traffic forms to the California Courts Web site; and
- Maintains and develops a Web page where information about the committee and traffic issues is posted.

Membership

The committee members include bench officers, court administrators, attorneys, and representatives of the Department of Motor Vehicles, Office of Traffic Safety, and California Highway Patrol.

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Additional resources:

Roster and committee information,

www.courtinfo.ca.gov/courtadmin/jc/advisorycommittees.htm

Reports and publications, www.courtinfo.ca.gov/reference/4_29traf.htm

Traffic information on the California Courts Online Self-Help Center,

www.courtinfo.ca.gov/selfhelp/traffic